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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No. 09/755,520 : Examiner: Firmin Backer

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Title: METHOD FOR INTER-ENTERPRISE 3173 Cedar Road
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## AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2003 for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments which begin on page 18.